

Alcohol Dependence and Harmful Use Guideline Development Group Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday 25 November 2009, 10.30am – 4pm

Minutes: Confirmed

Place: The Royal College of Psychiatrists'
6th Floor Standon House
21 Mansell Street
London
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Present: **GDG members**
Colin Drummond (CD)
Stephenie Noble (SN)
Anne Lingford-Hughes (ALH)
Brendan Georgeson (BG)
Julia Sinclair (JS)
Jan Fry (JF)
Edward Day (ED)
John Dervan (JD)
Tom Phillips (TP)
Linda Harris (LH)
Pamela Roberts (PR)
Alex Copello (AC)
Trevor McCarthy (TM)
Eilish Gilvarry (EG)
Adrian Brown (AB)

Experts

None

In attendance:
NCCMH Staff: Steve Pilling (SP)
Amina Udechuku (AU)
Laura Shields (LS)
Suffiya Omarjee (SO)
Esther Flanagan (EF)
Rob Saunders (RS)

NICE staff: Claire Turner (CT)

Observers: None

Notes

1. Apologies were received from, Jayne Gosnall, Marsha Morgan & Alex Copello
2. CD, SN, ALH, JS, JF, EG, ED, JD, TP, TM, AB, SP, AU, LS, SO, EF, PR, BG & RS all declared that they knew of no new personal specific, personal non-specific, non-personal specific or non-personal non-specific interest in the development of this guideline other than those already reported in the conflict of interest forms already submitted.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate account.
4. JF updated the group on the Experience of Care chapter.
5. TP updated the group on the progress of the assessment review and explained the draft algorithm.
6. The group discussed the evidence regarding young people with alcohol dependence and harmful use.
7. SO presented the preliminary health economics model for pharmacological interventions.
8. AU and LS presented data on the main psychosocial treatments.
9. The group discussed the problems raised by co-morbidity in people with alcohol dependence and harmful use.
10. RS presented regression analyses which aim to see whether severity impacts on outcome.
11. No other business was raised.
12. Next meeting: 10.30am-4pm, 14 January 2010.